

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, Claims 23-27 and 30-38 are pending in the application. Claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating the subject matter recited in the base Claim 19. Claims 23-25 and 27 have been amended to correct dependency. Claims 19, 21, 22 and 28-29 have been canceled. New Claims 30-38 have been added. The new claims are supported by the specification at least on page 12, lines 1-4 and on page 14, lines 1-4 and by the original claims. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated November 12, 2010, the Examiner sets forth a number of grounds for rejection. These grounds are addressed individually and in detail below.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 19, 23-25, 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Andrews et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,936,248) for the reasons set forth on pages 2-3 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

In order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicants have canceled Claims 19, 28 and 29. Claims 23-25 have been amended to depend from the allowable Claim 26.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the grounds for this rejection have been obviated and that withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 26 and 27 are allowable. Claim 26 has been rewritten in independent form incorporating all the limitations of the base claim. Claim 27 has been amended to depend from Claim 26. All pending claims depend directly or indirectly from Claim 26.

CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' counsel, Ping Wang (Reg. No. 48,328), at 202.662.3042.

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